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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takashi KUBOTA et al.

Appln. No.: New U.S. National Phase

Filed: Concurrently herewith

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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND  
COMPOSITE MATERIAL OBTAINED THEREBY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 9, 2001

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 3-8 as follows:

3. (Amended) A manufacturing method for a composite material in which a bulk body manufactured by the method according to claim 1 and a raw material for base material comprising a metal or a nonmetal or a compound thereof constituting the base material are melted, mixed, and formed by casting, by which the concentration of dispersion material is controlled.

4. (Amended) A manufacturing method for a composite material in which a composite material manufactured by the method according to claim 1 is rolled or heat-treated, by which the crystal structure is controlled.

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